

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 31 of the Specification, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 31 and 32, with the following amended paragraph:

In use, the male part 100 is attached to an automatic teller machine and positioned such that it engages with the female part 102 carried on a cash cassette when the cash cassette is at its operating position. As the cash cassette is loaded, the casing 110 is moved towards the male part 100 and the sleeve 150 engages with the conical recess 112 and is pushed against the urging of the compression spring 150 to uncover the aperture 140. This relative motion also ensures that any debris in the aperture 112 is pushed past the outlet pipe 116 thereby ensuring that debris cannot be deliberately introduced into the aperture 112 in order to defeat the security systems. A position sensor (not shown) monitors the relative motion of the sleeve 150 with respect to the remainder of the male unit to ensure that it reaches the correct position. Additionally, a latching arm 142 ~~(not shown)~~ extends from the male unit towards a matching element on the female unit. The latching arm can only engage if the male and female units are correctly positioned with respect to one another. The position of the latching arm and also of the sleeve 150 is monitored by a controller (not shown) and only when these are at their correct position does the controller acknowledge that the security system is operable. The locating elements may

be arranged to lock the cash cassette at a first position corresponding to the operating position of the cassette in the ATM. However, the locking elements may include sacrificial or weakened elements which, in the event that an unauthorised attempt is made to forcibly remove the cash cassette, allows the cassette to be moved to a second, slightly withdrawn position, which is detected by a position sensor. This movement to the second position causes the ink delivery system to be activated so as to spoil the contents of the cassette. The provision of multiple delivery outlets, or an elongate outlet, ensures that the ink delivery system can still work when the cassette is at the second position.